Justification and Relevance of Deleting Rule 3(b) of Memorandum of Association and Rules of KVS

*549. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 266 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd July, 1998 and state:

(a) what was the need justification and relevance of deleting Rule 3 (b) for accommodating representatives of SC, ST and women;

(b) whether Government are contemplating revival of Rule 3 (b) so that the employees' representatives could be nominated on Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and its Board of Governors; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The deletion of Rule 3 (b) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) was decided during consideration of a proposal from the Parliamentary Committee on the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education to provide for nomination of SC and ST members on the Board of Governors of KVS. While considering this proposal the Board of Governors of KVS in their meeting on September 6, 1993 decided to amend Rule 3(a) (xvi) and (xvii) to provide for four instead of 'two other educationists' to be nominated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development out of which at least one would be from among S.Cs and one from among S.Ts. It was also considered that the then existing provision in Rule 3(b), if retained, would have continued with the open ended nature of provision for nominations thereby making the Sangathan unwieldly. The Rule 3 (b) was accordingly deleted. There is no proposal before the Government to reconsider this

Conversion of MG/NG Railway Lines in Gujarat

*550. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MG/NG lines converted into BG lines in Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan and those to be converted during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Ministry of Railways have received the proposal from the Government of Gujarat for conversion of MG/NG lines into BG;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Ministry have any plan to taking up the gauge conversion in Gujarat through private funding;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Dhrangadhra Kuda gauge conversion does not require any funds from Railways; and

(g) if so, when the project will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAY (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The MG/NG lines converted to BG in Gujarat during the 8th plan are Nadiad -Kapadvanj and Ahmedabad - Delhi. During the 9th plan, it is proposed to convert Rajkot - Veraval, Surendranagar -Bhavnagar - Dhola - Dhasa - Mahuva, Wankaner - Maliya - Miyana, Dharangdhara-Kuda, Mehsana-Viramgam and Gandhidham-Bhuj to BG subject to availability of resources.

(b) and (c) The details are as under:—

	Proposal	Position regarding status of work, consideration of project.
1.	Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval and its extensions upto Kodinar/ Somnath	Work is in progress for Rajkot-Veraval portion. A survey for extension of line upto Kodinar /Somnath has been taken up.
2.	Gauge conversion of Surendranagar-Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuva with extension upto Pipavav	Work has been sanctioned. Preliminary arrangements for starting the work are on hand.
3.	Gauge conversion of Viramgam-Mehsana (A part of Bhildi-Viramgam project)	Work has been sanctioned. Preliminary arrangements for starting the work are being made.
4.	Gauge conversion of Mehsana-Patan (A part of Bhildi-Viramgam project)	Work of reconstruction of bridges in Mehsana-Patan is in progress.
5.	Gauge conversion of Navlakhi-Dahinsara, Morbi-Wankaner and Dahinsara-Maliya Miyana	Work has been sanctioned. Preliminary arrangements for starting the work are being made.
6.	Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj-Nalia	Work on Gandhidham-Bhuj is in progress. A survey has been taken up for gauge conversion of Bhuj-Nalia section.
7.	Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Samakhiali-Palanpur	Work has been included in the budget 1998-99 and will be taken up after obtaining the recquisite clearances.
8.	Gauge conversion of Dharangadhara-Kuda Salt siding.	Work has been included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98. Work is to be executed on cost sharing basis with the Government of Gujarat and Ministry of Industry and will be started as soon as co-sharers comeforth with their share of funds.
9.	Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej	Bharuch-Dahej has been covered in the proposed 3rd line from Ahmedabad to Virar for which survey report is under finalisation.
10.	Gauge conversion of Ankleshwar-Rajpipla	Surveys conducted in the past have revealed inadequate traffic prospects. As such, we have not been able to consider taking up the work.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Dharangdhara-Kuda gauge conversion is being taken up on cost sharing basis by the Railways, Ministry of Industry and the State Govt. in equal shares. The Railways share of Rs. 3.10 crs. has been provided in the Budget in 1998-99.

(g) The project will be taken up as soon as the co-sharers comeforth with their shares.

Extension of railway lines in the North-Eastern region

*551. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of budget allotment for the year 1998-99 for opening and extension of railway lines in the North-Eastern region;

(b) the amount of fund allotment to each work for each State of North-Eastern region;

(c) what are the funds earmarked for Diphu-Karong/Imphal new railway line and when this will be started; and

(d) the names of the new lines or railway works of the North-Eastern region given concurrence by the planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) the total amount allotted for new lines in the North Eastern Region in the budget 1998-99 is Rs. 99.89 crs. and for Gauge Conversion works is Rs. 81.11 crs.

(b) The details of workwise allotments for each work in the North Eastern Region are given below:—

Name of Project	Outlay, 1998-99 Rs. in crs.
New Line	
Jogighopa-Guwahati	66.897
Dudhnoi-Depa	1.0
Kumarghat-Agartala	20.0
Bogibeel bridge	2.0
*Diphu-Karong	0.001
Harmuti-Itanagar	10.0
TOTAL	99.898
Gauge Conversions	
Lumding-Dibrugarh	41.11
Lumding-Silchar	40.0
*New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri	0.001
*Katakhal-Bairabhi	0.001
TOTAL	81.112

* These works are yet to receive the recquisite clearances. Outlays can be provided only after the clearances become available.

(c) Since the recquisite clearances for this project have not yet been received, only token outlay has been shown. Funds will be provided once the clearances are received. The work can be taken up only after that.

(d) The projects of construction of new lines from Jogighopa to Guwahati is already in progress. The proposed new lines from Dudhnoi to Depa, Harmuti to Itanagar, Kumarghat to Agartala and Bogibheel bridge have already received the requisite clearances. These are yet to be obtained for Diphu-Karong. As regards gauge conversion projects, work is in progress on Lumding-Dibrugarh and Lumding-Silchar while clearances are yet to be obtained for Kathakal-Bhairabhi Gauge Conversion and New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon Gauge Conversion Projects.

Changes in Coastal Regulation Zone Ruels

*552. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had requested the Central Government to take steps to make some changes in the Coastal Regulation Zone Rules:

(b) if so, what are the changes that are proposed by the Kerala Government; and